

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are rejected. Applicants note with appreciation claim 3 is objected to as allowable if written in independent form and claims 6-18 are indicated as allowed. Applicants amend claims 1 and 3. Claim 3 is amended to be in independent form. Applicants assert that no new matter is added herein as amendments to claim 1 are supported, for example, by Figure 2 feature 160 and paragraphs 17 of the Application as originally filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1-2 and 4-5 as amended in view of at least the following remarks.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Patent Office rejects claims 1-2 and 4-5 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,519,959 issued to Bewley et al. (Bewley). It is axiomatic that to be anticipated every limitation of a claim must be disclosed in a single reference.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection above and submit that independent claim 1, as amended, is patentable over the cited reference for at least the reason that the reference does not disclose openings formed in the capacitor structure to enable pins from an integrated circuit passage to pass through and to maintain a distance between the edge of the opening and the pins as required by amended claim 1.

Bewley describes ground opening 45, first direct current opening 46, second direct current opening 47, timing clock opening 48, and logic level opening 49 each having at least one conductive sheet and solder therein for forming an electrical connection with pins 52 (see col. 5 lines 73- col. 6 line 16 and fig. 4 and 6). Specifically, Bewley teaches that pins 52 may be received in holes which are drilled, punched, or simply pierced in the conductive sheets by the pins themselves (see col. 6 lines 7-9).

However, the Patent Office has not identified and Applicants are unable to find any teaching or suggestion in Bewley of openings formed in the capacitor structure to enable pins from an integrated circuit passage to pass through and to maintain a distance between the edge of the opening and the pins, as required by amended claim 1. Hence, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests the Patent Office withdraw the rejection above.

Any dependent claims not mentioned above are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious for at least the same reasons given above in support of their base claims.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Patent Office has indicated that claims 6-18 are allowed over the prior art of record, and that claim 3 is objected to is allowable if rewritten in independent form.



CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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